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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

DOCKET NO. AB-254 (SUB-NO.10)

**PROVIDENCE AND WORCESTER RAILROAD COMPANY – ADVERSE
ABANDONMENT – TRACK OF HOUSATONIC RAILROAD COMPANY IN
FAIRFIELD AND NEW HAVEN COUNTIES, CONNECTICUT**

**HOUSATONIC RAILROAD COMPANY
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPLY TO
PETITION FOR WAIVER**

**Housatonic Railroad requests an extension of time until October 11, 2010 to file
its reply to the Petition For Waiver filed by Providence and Worcester Railroad Company
in the above entitled action.**

**On September 10, 2010, Providence and Worcester Railroad filed certain
documents indicating that P&W intended to file an adverse abandonment against
Housatonic Railroad Company, Inc. ("Housatonic"). The documents consisted of a letter
requesting that the Board waive or substantially reduce its filing fees in connection with
the proceeding ("Fee Waiver Request") and a filing entitled "Petition for Waiver of
Providence and Worcester Railroad Company" requesting that the Board waive certain of
its regulatory requirements ("Petition"). The Petition was submitted to the Board without
the required filing fee.**

Housatonic Railroad obtained a copy of the filings from the Board's web site and promptly prepared and filed a letter in opposition to the Fee Waiver Request.

Housatonic's response to the Fee Waiver Request was filed on September 15, 2010.

Thereafter, on September 15, 2010, the copy of the P&W submittal that was mailed by P&W counsel was delivered to Housatonic's counsel.

On September 16, 2010, P&W paid the filing fee associated with the Waiver and on September 21, 2010 Housatonic Railroad was notified that the fee had been paid.

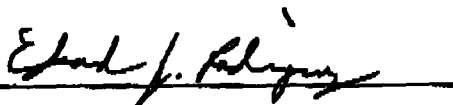
The reasons that the extension of time is needed include:

1. Because the filing fee had not been paid nor waived, Housatonic Railroad believed that the Petition could not be considered until the fee was paid or waived and did not address the details of the waiver when it addressed the Fee Waiver Request, and Housatonic so stated in its response.
2. The filing fee for the Petition was not paid until after Housatonic Railroad filed its response to the Fee Waiver Request.
3. Housatonic Railroad did not learn that the filing fee for the Petition had been paid until September 21, 2010.
4. If the Petition is considered to have been filed on September 10, 2010 then a response would be otherwise required by September 30, 2010, giving Housatonic Railroad only about a week to prepare the response.

5. Counsel for Housatonic Railroad is scheduled to leave on a brief vacation on September 22, 2010
6. The issues presented by the proposed adverse abandonment and subsequent attempt to purchase the line of railroad subject to abandonment are novel and complicated, require significant research, and these issues must be addressed in a preliminary manner in response to the Petition.
7. An extension of time will not unduly delay the proceeding since the Fee Waiver Request is still pending before the Board..

WHEREFORE, Housatonic Railroad Company respectfully requests that Board grant its request for an extension of time to reply to Providence and Worcester Railroad's Petition for Waiver dated September 10, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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